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April 26, 2000

Letter of Appeal  
Federal Communication Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
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Room TW-A325  
Washington, DC 20554

IN THE MATTER OF: REQUEST FOR REVIEW BY CLIFTON  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT OF DECISION OF  
UNIVERSAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATOR, FCC DOCKET  
NOS. 97-21 AND 96-45.

Dear Sir or Madam:

We are requested a review of the USAC Administrator decision of an appeal. Clifton ISD is a rural public school district in Texas. The e-rate funding allows us to use the discount we get to put technology into the classroom for our students. The items which we are asking for review is for the following USAC application:

Billing Entity: Clifton Independent School District  
Billing Entity #: 141096  
Funding Year 2: 07/01/99 - 06/30/00  
Form 471 Application Number: 120507  
Funding Commitment Decision # 0000172718  
Contract Person: Brenda Vrazel, Business Manager  
1102 Key St.  
Clifton, TX 76634  
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When the application was made within the required time line cellular phones where allowed and posted as eligible services on web site (attachment #1). After the applications were filled and six (6) months into the funding year the eligible services for

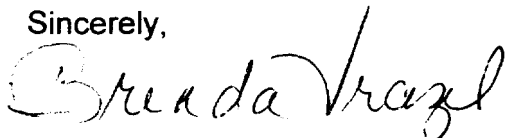
that funding year was changed. On Dec. 6, 1999 the eligible services were changed to say (not eligible for such uses as security on school buses), (attachment #2). The explanation for denial of funding on the vendor for cellular service was "services request is not in accordance with program rules." At the time the request was made for these services it was not listed as ineligible service. It has appeared that the *rules for eligible services* had changed for that funding year after applications were in and funding had started. It seems to be changing the rules in the middle of the game. It would make sense if the new rules were in effect for the next funding year (year 3).

With school safety and the safety of our school children being a concern with the government (including the President) you would feel that have phones on buses would qualify. Most altercation among school children start during or while on school buses.

However if the ruling stands that the changes in the middle of the funding for that year is that cellular phones on buses for safety is not eligible then only a portion of our request should be denied. The other cellular services on the application that *does qualify* under both eligible rules before and after changes should be funded. Before the denial we were requested to send copies of the invoices for the phones on the buses to the USAC. We were **not** requested to send copies of all invoices in regard to cellular services that were on application for funding. After responding to the request we were denied full funding on all cellular services on the application.

We request that we be fully funded due to the changes in eligible services being in the middle of funding year. If full funding is not an option, then we request that the portion of the cellular services that do qualify under eligible services be funded. Thank you for your time in addressing our concerns in this area. If we can be of further assistance please contact us.

Sincerely,



Brenda Vrazel, Business Manager  
Clifton Independent School District

**Enclosure:** 471 application, Funding Commitment Denial, Clifton ISD Appeal letter, Eligible Services list from Web. Oct. 29, 1999 (attachment #1), Eligible Services list and changes Dec. 6, 1999 (attachment#2), USAC appeal denial letter.

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Approval by OMB  
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**Schools and Libraries Universal Service  
Services Ordered and Certification Form**

Estimated Average Burden Hours Per Response: 6.0 hours

This form asks schools and libraries to list the eligible telecommunications-related services they have ordered and estimate the annual charges for them so that the Schools and Libraries Corporation can set aside sufficient support to reimburse providers for services.

Please read instructions before completing

(To be completed by each Billed Entity.)

**Block 1: Applicant Address and Identifications**  
(School, library, or consortium desiring Universal Service Funding.)

<b>1. Name of Applicant:</b> CLIFTON INDEP SCHOOL DISTRICT		<b>2. Funding Year:</b> 07/01/1999 - 06/30/2000	
<b>3a. NCES School Code (if individual school) Or NCES Library Code (if individual library)</b> State: 48 - District: 14400 - School/Library:			
<b>3b. 471 Application Number:</b> 120507		<b>3c. Billed Entity Number:</b> 141096	
<b>4a. Type Of Applicant</b> (Check only one box.) <input type="radio"/> school <input checked="" type="radio"/> school district <input type="radio"/> library or library consortium under the LSTA <input type="radio"/> consortium of multiple entities			
<b>4b. If Applicant is a consortium, check all other boxes that apply:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> includes non-governmental entities ineligible for support <input type="checkbox"/> region of a state <input type="checkbox"/> statewide <input type="checkbox"/> multi-state		<input type="checkbox"/> state educational agency <input type="checkbox"/> local educational agency <input type="checkbox"/> educational service agency	
<b>5. Applicant's Street Address, P.O.Box, or Route Number</b>			
Street 1102 N AVENUE N			
City CLIFTON		State TX	Zip Code 5 Digit 76634
			Zip Code 4 Digit 9802
Telephone number (254) 675 - 8682		Ext: E-mail Address bvrazel@clifton.isd.	
<b>6. Contact Person's Name:</b> Brenda Vrazel			
Street Address, P.O.Box, or Route Number (If different from Item 5)			
Street 1102 North Avenue N			
City Clifton		State TX	Zip Code 5 Digit 76634
			Zip Code 4 Digit 9802

Fill in all of the following(if available), and check the preferred mode of contact:					
<input type="radio"/> Telephone Number	Ext:	<input type="radio"/> Fax Number	Ext:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> E-mail address:	<input type="radio"/> Mail:
(25)	675	8682		bvrazel@clifton.isd.	

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**Schools and Libraries Service Program  
Services Ordered and Certification Form**

**IMPORTANT**

**Please record this application's information in a secure place for future reference**

**471 Application Number: 120507**

**Billed Entity Number: 141096**

**Security Code Number: 54528**

**These numbers will be requested when performing subsequent actions, such as completing this application, if you leave the process before the application is finished.**



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### Block 2: Purpose of Request

#### 7. Purpose of Request: (Check all that apply, if any.)

- a. ☐ Discount on contract(s) signed prior to a request being posted on the Administrator's website.  
Was an FCC Form 470 filed with regard to all the contract(s)? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b. ☒ Discount on contract(s) signed after a request being posted on the Administrator's website.
- c. ☐ Minor modification or supplement to existing contract(s) for which a Form 471 was already filed. 471 Application Number

### Block 3: Characteristics of Applicant and Applicant's Service Order

8a. Number of students:	<input type="text" value="1204"/>	8b. Number of library patrons:	<input type="text"/>
9. Number of buildings to be served:	<input type="text" value="22"/>	10. Number of rooms to be served:	<input type="text" value="175"/>
	<b>Existing Services</b>	<b>Total Services After Order</b>	
<b>11. Telecommunications Services</b>			
a. Number of phones that have or require service (See instructions concerning extension phones and fax machines.)	<input type="text" value="35"/>	<input type="text" value="50"/>	
b. Number of computers that have or require service	<input type="text" value="233"/>	<input type="text" value="275"/>	
c. Number of high bandwidth video conferencing links	<input type="text" value="0"/>	<input type="text" value="3"/>	
<b>12. Internal Connections</b>			
a. Number of buildings with at least some rooms connected	<input type="text" value="5"/>	<input type="text" value="13"/>	
b. Number of rooms connected	<input type="text" value="110"/>	<input type="text" value="175"/>	
c. Highest Speed of connection	<input type="text" value="110mb"/>	<input type="text" value="fiber"/>	
<b>13. Internet Access</b>			
a. Number of dial up connections	<input type="text" value="4"/>	<input type="text" value="16"/>	
b. Highest speed of dial up connections	<input type="text" value="33.6"/>	<input type="text" value="33.6"/>	
c. Number of direct connections	<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="text" value="1"/>	
d. Highest speed of such direct connections	<input type="text" value="T-1"/>	<input type="text" value="T-1"/>	

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### Block 4, Item 14: Entities Entered Display Only

Chart Sequence No. 79972							
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4a)	(4b)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Name of Individual School Or Library	NCES Code or Billed Entity Number for School or Library (Obtained from Administrator)	Urban Or Rural	For Schools: Number of Students	For Libraries: NCES Code of a School in its District	For Schools: Number of Students Eligible for NSLP	Discount Calculated From Discount Matrix	Check if School or Library will use Shared Services listed in Item 15
CLIFTON HIGH SCHOOL	48-14400-00931	R	330		107	60	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CLIFTON MIDDLE SCHOOL	48-14400-00420	R	295		135	70	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CLIFTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	48-14400-00930	R	579		248	70	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Discount for shared services ordered by billed entity:							67

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**Block 5, Items 15 - 16: Services Ordered Display Only**

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17. ☒ Check this box to confirm that, for each service provider listed in 15 and 16, a list is attached (with the signed certification) of all of the services that each service provider is providing to the billed entity.

Item 14 supporting materials:

- ☒ I will be submitting on paper a worksheet of the discount calculations used in Block 5, Item 15, Col. 11.
- ☐ No discount cost calculations were required.

18. To be calculated by the administrator:

- a. Total dollars of support allocated for this application for the entire funding year.  
b. Amount of support set aside for this application for the first six months of the year.

19. Provide the total estimated cost (pre-discount price) for the services you expect to order in the funding year following the one for which you are applying here:

400,000.00

*(This figure is not binding.)*

20. Is your order solely for basic telephone service? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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**Block 6: Certifications and Signature****21. The applicant is eligible for support because it includes:(Check one or both)**

- a. ☒ Schools under the statutory definitions of elementary and secondary schools found in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, 20 U.S.C. Secs. 8801(14) and (25), that do not operate as for-profit businesses, and do not have endowments exceeding \$50 million; and/or
- b. ☐ Libraries or library consortia eligible for assistance from a State library administrative agency under the Library Services and Technology Act of 1996 that do not operate as for-profit businesses and whose budgets are completely separate from any school (including, but not limited to) elementary and secondary schools, colleges and universities

**22. The school(s) or library(ies) I represent have secured access to all of the resources, including computers, training, software, maintenance, and electrical connections necessary to make effective use of the services purchased as well as to pay the discounted charges for eligible services.****23. All of the individual schools, libraries, and library consortia listed above in items 15 and 16 are covered by:**

- a. ☒ An individual; and/or
- b. ☐ Higher-level technology plans for using the services requested in this application(if those services consist of other than voice services).

**24. Status of technology plans (check one):**

- a. ☒ Technology plan(s) has/have been approved; or
- b. ☐ Technology plan(s) will be approved by a state or other authorized body; or
- c. ☐ Technology plan(s) will be submitted to Schools and Libraries Corporation for approval.

**25. I certify that the entities eligible for support that I am representing have complied with all applicable state and local laws regarding procurements of services for which support is being sought.****26. I certify that the services the applicant purchases at discounts provided by 47 U.S.C. Sec. 254 will be used solely for educational purposes and will not be sold, resold, or transferred in consideration for money or any other thing of value.****27. I understand that the discount level used for shared services is conditional, for future years, upon ensuring that the most disadvantaged schools and libraries that are treated as sharing in the service receive an appropriate share of benefits from those services.****28. I recognize that I may be audited pursuant to this application and will retain for five years any and all worksheets and other records that I rely upon to fill out this application.****29. I certify that I am authorized to submit this request on behalf of the above-named institution, that I have examined this request, and to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, all statements of fact contained herein are true.****32. Printed name of authorized person**

Brenda Vrazel

**33. Title or position of authorized person**

Business Manager

Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture, under the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C.Secs. 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C.Sec. 1001.

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**At this point you have filled in all information for the Form 471 application. The final steps in the process are to:**

- a. **Verify** a final time that all information is correct in each block you have completed. Use the "Previous" button at the bottom of each screen to review your work.
- b. **Use your browser to print** a copy of each screen in each block. Use the "Previous" and "Next" buttons at the bottom of each screen to move to each block of the Form 471. In each block, click on your browser's "File" button, and select the "Print" option. Please note there are multiple screens for Blocks 4-6.
- c. **Click the "Next" button** at the bottom of this screen to electronically submit your Form 471 to the SLC.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** by clicking "Next" you are simultaneously releasing your completed application to the SLC for filing, AND viewing a complete version of your Block 6 which must be printed out, signed, and submitted to the SLC (see "d" below). Clicking "Next" will prevent any further changes to the application. Please be sure that you are satisfied that all entries to the application are correct and you are fully authorized to release this form for filing before clicking "Next" on this page.

You must click "Next" to file your Form 471 electronically. If you do not click "Next", your Form 471 application will still be considered incomplete.

- d. **Print out (using your browser), sign, and send in this Block 6 certification page along with the discount calculations used for Block 4, Item 14 (if required) and the supporting documentation for Block 5, Item 17 (required). Do not mail the complete form 471.** When you print Block 6 using your browser, the form will automatically include your Form 471 Application Number, Applicant Name, and Applicant Address. Item 30 must be signed by the person who will certify to the accuracy of the information on the form. The mailing address is:

**SLC - Form 471  
P.O. Box 7026  
Lawrence, KS 66044-7026**

If sent by express delivery services or U.S. Postal Service, Return Receipt Requested, the form should be mailed to:

**SLC - Form 471  
c/o Ms. Smith  
3833 Greenway Drive Lawrence, KS 66046**

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**Note: When you click the "Next" button, you are irreversibly submitting this Form 471 to the SLC. You should be authorized to select the "Next >>" button which irreversibly files this application.**

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471 Services Ordered and Certification Form

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30. Signature of authorized person Brenda Vrazel 31. Date 3-27-99  
 32. Printed name of authorized person Brenda Vrazel  
 33. Title or position of authorized person Business Manager

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NOTICE TO INDIVIDUALS: Section 54.504 of the Federal Communication Commission's rules requires all schools and libraries ordering services that are eligible for and seeking universal service discounts to file this Services Ordered and Certification Form (FCC Form 471) with the Universal Service Administrator. 47 C.F.R. § 54.504. The collection of information stems from the Commission's authority under Section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 254. The data in the report will be used to ensure that schools and libraries comply with the competitive bidding requirement contained in 47 C.F.R. § 54.504. All schools and libraries planning to order services eligible for universal service discounts must file this form themselves or as part of a consortium.

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The FCC is authorized under the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to collect the personal information we request in this form. We will use the information you provide to determine whether approving this application is in the public interest. If we believe there may be a violation of potential violation of a FCC statute, regulation, rule or order, your application may be referred to the Federal, state, or local agency responsible for investigating, prosecuting, enforcing or implementing the statute, rule, regulation or order. In certain cases, the information in your application may be disclosed to the Department of Justice or a court or adjudicative body when (a) the FCC; or (b) any employee of the FCC; or (c) the United States Government, is a party of a proceeding before the body or has an interest in the proceeding.

If you owe a past due debt to the federal government, the taxpayer identification number (such as your social security number) and other information you provide may also be disclosed to the Department of the Treasury Financial Management Service, other federal agencies and/or your employer to offset your salary, IRS tax refund or other payments to collect that debt. The FCC may also provide this information to these agencies through the matching of computer records when authorized.

With the exception of your social security number, if you do not provide the information we request on the form, the FCC may delay processing of your application or may return your application without action.

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This form should be submitted to: SLC - Form 471  
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 Lawrence, KS 66044-7026  
 1-888-203-8100

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USC# 793670000110863

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Form 471, Block 4 attached worksheet for calculations

Name of School	NECS	Number of Students	Number of Eligible	%
Clifton Elementary	88111	579	248	43
Clifton Middle	88110	295	135	46
Clifton High	88109	330	107	33

Totals

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Clifton ISD	1204	490
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Clifton Elementary	$579 * 70\% = 405.3$
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Clifton Middle	$295 * 70\% = 206.5$
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Clifton High	$330 * 60\% = 198.0$
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Total	809.8/ 1204
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Clifton ISD avg. discount	67%
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Contact Name Brenda Vrazel  
 Contact Telephone Number 254-675-8682

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## Schools and Libraries Universal Service Program Form 471 Pre-Discount Cost Calculation Optional Grid

Please read instructions before completing

(To be completed by Schools, Libraries, or Consortia)

### Block A: General Information

1. Name of Applicant <u>Clifton Independent School District</u>	2. Universal Service Control Number (from 470 Application) <u>793670000110863</u>
3a. SLC Service Provider Number (SPIN) if known and Full Legal Name of your Service Provider <u>Alltel -360 Communciation 143001069</u>	3b. Contract or Tariff Number (If Applicable -- from Item 15-16) <u>T</u>
4. Shared Services: Telecommunications Services <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Internal Connections <input type="checkbox"/> Internet Access <input type="checkbox"/>	Site Specific Services: Internal Connections <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Services <input type="checkbox"/>  5. Average Discount Rate for Entities Receiving Services Listed Below in Block B (Per Column 11 of Items 15 or 16)  <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em;">67</div>

### Block B: Services Ordered Information

6. Services & Products Ordered Details													
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Account Information	Service Description	Quantity	One-Time Charges	One-Time Taxes and Surcharges	Unit Monthly Charges	Unit Monthly Taxes and Surcharges	Number of Months	Annual Amount of Monthly Charges	% Eligible Services and/or % Eligible Uses	% of Service/Product Used w/ Eligible Entities	Estimated Eligible Pre-Discount One-Time Charges	Total Annual Amount of Estimated Eligible Pre-Discount Monthly Charges	Estimated Eligible Pre-Discount Total Charges
a. CISD	Celluar	18	0.00	0.00	24.90	8.44	12	7200.00	100	100	0.00	7200.00	7200.00
b.													
c.													
d.													
e.													
f.													
g.													
7. Total												7200.00	7200.00

Attach this grid to your Form 471 application to support Block 5, Items 15 & 16 Columns 8-10 and Item 17.



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October 26, 1999

Re: Form 471 Application Number: 120507  
Funding Year: 07/01/1999 - 06/30/2000  
Billed Entity Number: 141096

Thank you for your 1999-2000 E-rate application and for any assistance you provided throughout our review. We have completed processing of your Form 471. This letter is to advise you of our decisions.

**FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT**

From your Form 471, we reviewed row-by-row discount requests in Items 15 and 16. We assigned each row a Funding Request Number (FRN). On the pages following this letter, we have provided a Funding Commitment Report for each FRN in your application.

Attached to this letter you will find a guide that defines each line of the Funding Commitment Report and a complete list of FRNs from your application. The SLD is also sending this information to your service provider(s) so arrangements can be made to begin implementing your E-rate discount(s). We would encourage you to contact your service providers to let them know your plans regarding these services.

**FOR QUESTIONS**

If you have questions regarding our decisions on your E-rate application, please notify us in writing. Your questions should be sent to: Questions, Schools and Libraries Division, Universal Service Administrative Company, Box 125 - Correspondence Unit, 100 South Jefferson Road, Whippany, NJ 07981.

**FOR APPEALS**

If you wish to appeal to the SLD, your appeal must be made in writing and received by us within 30 days of issuance of this letter as indicated by its postmark. In your letter of appeal, please include: correct contact information for the appellant, information on the Funding Commitment Decision you are appealing and the specific Funding Request Number in question, and an original authorized signature. Appeals sent by fax, e-mail or phone call cannot be processed. Please mail your appeal to: Letter of Appeal, Schools and Libraries Division, Box 125 - Correspondence Unit, 100 South Jefferson Road, Whippany, NJ 07981. You may also call our Client Service Bureau at 888-203-8100. While we encourage you to resolve your appeal with the SLD first, you have the option of filing an appeal directly with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC): FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Room TW-A 325, Washington, D.C. 20554.

**NEXT STEPS**

Once you have reviewed this letter and have determined that some or all of your requests have been funded, your next step is to complete and submit the enclosed FCC Form 486. This Form notifies the SLD that you are currently receiving or have begun receiving services approved for discounts and provides certified indication that your technology plan(s) has been approved. As you complete your Form 486, you should also contact your service provider to verify they have received notice from the SLD of your commitments. After the SLD processes your Form 486, we can begin processing invoices from your service provider(s) so they can be reimbursed for discounted services they have provided you. For further detailed information on next steps, please review all enclosures.

FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT FOR APPLICATION NUMBER: 0000120507

Funding Request Number: 0000172715      Funding Status: Funded  
SPIN: 143002445      Service Provider Name: Sprint/Central Telephone Company of Texas  
Provider Contract Number: T  
Services Ordered: Telecommunications Services  
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/1999  
Contract Expiration Date: N/A  
Pre-discount Cost: \$18,397.92  
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: 67%  
Funding Commitment Decision: \$12,326.61 - 471 approved as submitted

Funding Request Number: 0000172717      Funding Status: Funded  
SPIN: 143002445      Service Provider Name: Sprint/Central Telephone Company of Texas  
Provider Contract Number: T  
Services Ordered: Internet Access  
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/1999  
Contract Expiration Date: N/A  
Pre-discount Cost: \$3,037.92  
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: 67%  
Funding Commitment Decision: \$2,035.41 - 471 approved as submitted

Funding Request Number: 0000172718      Funding Status: Unfunded or Denied  
SPIN: 143001069      Service Provider Name: 360 Communications Company dba Alltel  
Provider Contract Number: T  
Services Ordered: Telecommunications Services  
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/1999  
Contract Expiration Date: N/A  
Pre-discount Cost: \$7,200.00  
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A  
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Ineligible use(s)  
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: The service/product requested is not being used in accordance with program rules.

Funding Request Number: 0000172719      Funding Status: Funded  
SPIN: 143004038      Service Provider Name: GTE Communications Corporation  
Provider Contract Number:  
Services Ordered: Telecommunications Services  
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/1999  
Contract Expiration Date: N/A  
Pre-discount Cost: \$10,000.00  
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: 67%  
Funding Commitment Decision: \$6,700.00 - 471 approved as submitted

Funding Request Number: 0000172720      Funding Status: Funded  
SPIN: 143011242      Service Provider Name: The University of Texas-Austin  
Provider Contract Number:  
Services Ordered: Internet Access  
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/1999  
Contract Expiration Date: N/A  
Pre-discount Cost: \$4,800.00  
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: 67%  
Funding Commitment Decision: \$3,216.00 - 471 approved as submitted

# CLIFTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

1102 Key Avenue  
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Clifton, Texas 76634  
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Marlene Zipperlen  
Superintendent

Brenda Vrazel  
Business Manager

Norida Culp  
Tax Collector

November 8, 1999

Doug Rogers  
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Letter of Appeal  
Schools & Libraries Division  
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Jan Cogburn  
Dir. Of Spec. Populations  
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675-2581 fax

Reference: Billing Entity—Clifton Indep. School District  
Billing Entity # 141096  
Funding Year 07/01/99 – 6/30/00  
Form 471 Application Number 120507  
Funding Commitment Decision # 0000172718  
Contract Person: Brenda Vrazel, Business Manager  
254-675-8682, FAX 254-675-4351  
  
1102 North Avenue N  
Clifton, TX 76634

Ronnie Massey  
High School Principal  
1101 N. Ave. Q  
675-8606

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is to ask for an appeal on the funding commitment decision # 0000172718, Service Provider: 360 Communications Company dba Alltel, SPIN # 143001069. As per the eligible requirements (attached copy in question) cellular service is allowed. We understand that phones may not be purchased and maintenance fees are not allowed; however what we have requested is for the actual phone services on such phones.

Ronnie Prueitt  
Middle School Principal  
1102 Key Avenue  
675-8608  
675-2005 fax

The explanation for the denial is that *service request is not in accordance with program rules*. After reading through the eligibility requirements, I could not see how the phone services requested for funding were not eligible. These phones are placed on buses for safety reasons when any bus leaves the school grounds. They are sent with teachers when field trips are taken. I have provided a copy of one of the bills as was requested early by Madhab Saikia. This bill shows the service we are requesting and items the district is paying for as well, (which are not on bill).

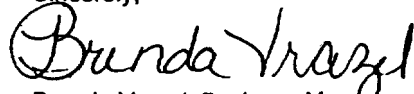
Austin Vasek  
Intermediate Principal  
411 S. Ave. H  
675-6544  
675-1257 fax

If you should need any further information in regard to this request for appeal please contact me by any of the following. I will be looking forward to hearing from you in regard to this matter. Thank you for your continued cooperation in this matter.

Anita Hebert  
Elementary Principal  
706 W. 11<sup>th</sup> Street  
675-3312  
675-8725 fax

Sincerely,

Scott Barnett  
Athletic Director  
386-6400



Brenda Vrazel, Business Manager  
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Bryan Ferrell  
Band Director  
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Billing Date: Sep 9, 1999

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Summary Report for Cellular Service

Name/ Number	Service	Local Usage	Long Distance	Roaming	Promotions	Equipment	Misc Charges	Taxes	Total Charges
CLIFTON I S D 254-386-6482	12.45	16.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.76	29.81
CLIFTON I S D 254-386-6649	12.45	2.40	4.00	9.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.76	29.41
CLIFTON I S D 254-386-6796	12.45	9.00	0.20	0.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.76	22.90
CLIFTON I S D 254-386-6797	12.45	3.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.76	16.81
CLIFTON I S D 254-386-6874	12.45	11.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.76	24.81
CLIFTON I S D 254-386-6875	12.45	8.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.76	21.81
CLIFTON I S D 254-386-6876	12.45	19.20	0.20	0.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.76	33.59
CLIFTON I S D 254-386-6877	12.45	13.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.76	26.41
CLIFTON I S D 254-386-6878	12.45	9.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.76	23.01
CLIFTON I S D 254-386-6879	12.45	16.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.76	29.61
CLIFTON I S D 254-386-6880	22.90	0.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.01	25.81
CLIFTON I S D 254-386-6881	19.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.01	21.96
Totals	167.35	111.30	4.40	11.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.62	305.94

ALTER

Service	telephone company. Basic telephone service includes both "Plain Old Telephone Service" and long distance telephone service. See POTS for complete description.	Yes	Q & A. Public Notice July 2, 1997 Q. 6
Cable TV Access	Only if the service is provided as a commercially available telecommunications service, or part of Internet access, or an internal connection that is necessary to transport information to individual classrooms. Under the cite, cable providers are not normally considered providers of interstate telecommunications.	Conditional	' 54.703 Appendix I  Final Rules 459
Cellular Service	<del>Technology that uses radio transmissions to access other telephone company networks.</del> Service is provided in a particular area by a low power transmitter. Cellular service is eligible, but the cost of telephones, or associated maintenance on the equipment is not.	Yes	748 FCC Q&A  Public Notice  July 2, '97
CENTREX	A private communications system which consists of a wide variety of features provided by central office software and extended to the customer's premises via local distribution facilities.	Yes	431
Coin Telephone Service (Payphone)	Telephone service provided in a public, or semi-public place and which requires the use of coins, credit card, pre-pay card or other means of payment for the telephone call, at the time of placing the call(s). Formally called coin telephones, payphone service allows the caller to pay for the call in number of ways, including prepaid, collect and third party billed. Both the payphone service and the cost of the actual payphones are ineligible for discount.	No	453  459  460
Digital Data Service	Sub-T-1 Facilities - Provides a 4 wire synchronous circuit at rates of 2.4, 4.8, 9.6, 56, 64 Kbps. It may be provided either hubbed or non-hubbed.	Yes	431
	Video CODEC (see Video Conference Section)	No	460
Direct Broadcast Satellite	Direct Broadcast Satellite (DBS) is a digital system that uses satellite to transmit TV programs to its subscribers. The transmitted signals are received using individual roof top antennas. Program reception of the subscriber is limited to those channels broadcast by a specific provider.	No	431
Directory Listing	Additional - Unlisted - Non-Published  A telephone company directory contains an alphabetical listing, by name, of all telephone subscribers except those requesting unlisted or non-published service. Typically, the initial directory listing is provided free of charge to the subscriber. Additional listings are those in addition to the initial telephone listing. Unlisted numbers and those that are non-published incur additional recurring charges. Fees for an additional directory listing, an unlisted number and an unpublished number are not eligible for discount.	No	437
Direct Inward	Direct Inward Dialing (DID) service, which allows	Yes	460

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Digital Data Service	Sub-T-1 Facilities - Provides a 4 wire synchronous circuit at rates of 2.4, 4.8, 9.6, 56, 64 Kbps. It may be provided either hubbed or non-hubbed.	Yes	431
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<b>Digital Subscriber Line (DSL)</b>	Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) is a technology that allows the transmission of voice, data and video over existing copper telephone lines at high speeds. DSL provides dedicated bandwidth that can be up to 278 times faster than a 28.8 Kbps modem, 143 time faster than 56 Kbps modem and 62 times faster than ISDN. There are other DSL technologies that can also qualify for "e" rate. They are SDSL, HDSL, IDSL and VDSL.	Yes	<p>431</p> <p>436</p> <p>437</p>

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### **Eligible Services List**

The Eligible Services List provides guidance on the eligibility of products and services for which you may be seeking E-rate discounts.

**Please note: this list has undergone significant changes and now reflects more details and information about the eligibility of products and services under the E-rate program (update posted 12/6/99).**

The Eligible Services List is saved as a PDF file that may be downloaded and viewed using Adobe Acrobat, version 3.0 or higher.

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## **SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES DIVISION**

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### **Administrator's Decision on Appeal – Funding Year 1999-2000**

March 31, 2000

Brenda Vrazel  
Clifton Independent School District  
1102 North Avenue N  
Clifton, TX 76634

Re:   Billed Entity Number:           141096  
      Application Number:           120507  
      Funding Request Number(s):   172718  
      Your Correspondence Dated:   November 8, 1999

After thorough review and investigation of your appeal, the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company has resolved your appeal seeking approval of additional discounts for the second program year. This letter addresses our decision concerning each Funding Request Number that was included in your letter of appeal for the Application Number cited above. If your letter of appeal addressed more than one Application Number, a separate letter will be issued to inform you of our decision on the appeal of each Application Number.

Funding Request Number:   172718  
Decision on Appeal:       Denied in full.

#### **Denial Reason:**

- The service is not being used in accordance with program rules. The primary purpose of the telecommunication services for which support is sought must be the delivery of services to the classrooms or other places of instruction at schools or libraries that meet the statutory definition of eligible instruction.

If you feel further examination of your application is in order, you may file an appeal with the Federal Communications Commission, Office of the Secretary, 445 12<sup>TH</sup> Street, SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. Before preparing and submitting your appeal, please be sure to review the FCC rules concerning the filing of an appeal of an Administrator's Decision, which are posted to the SLD Web Site at <[www.sl.universalservice.org](http://www.sl.universalservice.org)>. You must file your appeal

with the FCC no later than 30 days from the date of the issuance of this letter, in order for your appeal to be timely filed.

You should now move ahead, if you haven't already done so, with your Form 486 and related post-commitment arrangements for services for which funds have been committed and services have begun to flow. We thank you for your continued support, patience, and cooperation during the appeal process.

Schools and Libraries Division  
Universal Service Administrative Company